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#### **NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s):

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For (title):

IMPROVED AQUARIUM SYSTEM

1. Type of Application

This application is for an original (nonprovisional).

2. Papers Enclosed

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application
  - 8 Page(s) of Specification
  - 2 Page(s) of Claims
  - 2 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal
- B. Other Papers Enclosed

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- 2 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney
- 1 Page(s) of abstract
- 2 Page(s) of Application Data Sheet

#### 3. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed

Executed by:

\* inventor.

#### 4. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

## 5. Language

English

## 6. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

#### Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED											
Total Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c))	Number F	iled	Number Extra			Rate			Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00		
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Independent Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(b))	2	_	3	=	0	<b>x</b> .	\$	86.00	=	\$	0.00
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# Filing Fee Calculation

\$770.00

# 7. Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. Status as a small entity was asserted in the prior application 60/537,678 filed on January 20, 2004 from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and which status as a small entity is still proper and asserted for this application.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above Filing Fee Calculation)

\$385.00

## 8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

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Filing Fee

\$385.00

**Total Fees Enclosed** 

\$385.00

#### 9. Method of Payment of Fees.

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## 10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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